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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN MISSIONARY GEORGE OGLE

CINCPAC FOR POLAD PASS HABIB AND SNEIDER

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1. BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD AGAIN APPROACH ACTING FONMIN WHO TO IMPRESS UPON HIM LIKELY NEGATIVE PUBLIC REACTION HERE WHICH OGLE EXPULSION WOULD CAUSE. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO EXPRESS PUBLIC REGRET OVER ANY SUCH ROKG ACTION. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES ROKG IS DETERMINED TO EXPEL OGLE, IT SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT WE WOULD EXPECT, AS OGLE REQUESTED, THAT HE RECEIVE DOCUMENTARY BASIS FOR ANY ACTION AGAINST HIM AND BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO REBUT CHARGES IF HE WISHES.

2. WOULD SUGGEST EMBASSY RESPOND TO QUERIES ALONG FOLLOWING LINE: QUOTE. PRIOR TO ISSUING THE ORDER TO THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY GEORGE OGLE TO LEAVE KOREA  
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A KOREAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE

WITH OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. FOR ITS PART, THE EMBASSY EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT FELT IT NECESSARY TO TAKE SUCH ACTION IN REVEREND OGLE'S CASE. UNQUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR SPOKESMAN'S DECEMBER 9 BRIEFING, BUT NOT USED IN ABSENCE OF QUESTION. EMBASSY MAY ALSO DRAW ON SUBSTANCE IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES.

QUOTE. QUESTION. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE REPORTED DEPORTATION OF AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY FROM KOREA FOR HIS ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES?

ANSWER. WE DO KNOW THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING SOME ACTION AGAINST REVEREND GEORGE OGLE. THE ROKG HAS DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH THE EMBASSY AND THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH REVEREND OGLE. SINCE I AM NOT AWARE THAT A DECISION HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO COMMENT MORE SPECIFICALLY. WHILE THE ROKG CLEARLY HAS THE LEGAL RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHICH ALIENS SHALL REMAIN IN KOREA, WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY REGRET ANY DECISION TO EXPEL AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY.

IF PRESSED ON EMBASSY ROLE:

QUESTION: DID THE EMBASSY WARN OGLE OR DELIVER THE DEPORTATION ORDER AS THE KOREAN PRESS IS REPORTING?

ANSWER: EMBASSY OFFICERS ADVISED OGLE OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF SOME ACTION AND THE CONSULAR PROTECTION AVAILABLE IN THAT EVENT. (CLEAR DEFINITION OF REASON FOR ACTION, CONSULAR ACCESS IF DETAINED, ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING LEGAL ASSISTANCE, AND FAMILY NOTIFICATION.) EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE NOT ACTED AS AN AGENT OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT OR SOUGHT TO INFLUENCE HIS BEHAVIOR. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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